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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

All claims currently being amended are shown with deleted text struckthrough or double bracketed and new text underlined. Additionally, the status of each claim is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

Claims 1-15 remain.

Claims 1, 5, 8, and 12 are being amended.

Claims 16 and 17 have been withdrawn by restriction.

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Amended) A throttle handgrip for use with a motorcycle, the throttle handgrip comprising:

a generally tubular body having a horizontal midline;

a first tapered protrusion disposed on a forward side of the generally tubular body, on which a person's fingers can rest, the forward side generally longitudinally bisected by the horizontal midline; and

a second tapered protrusion disposed on a rear side of the generally tubular body, on which the person's palm can rest, the rear side generally longitudinally bisected by the horizontal midline;

wherein the first tapered protrusion has a longitudinal midline extending between first and second ends of the first tapered protrusion, the longitudinal midline rotated at an angle to the horizontal midline of the generally tubular body; [and]

wherein the second tapered protrusion has a longitudinal midline extending between first and second ends of the second tapered protrusion, the longitudinal midline rotated at an angle to the horizontal midline of the generally tubular body and disposed generally parallel to the longitudinal midline of the first tapered protrusion; and

wherein the first tapered protrusion and the second tapered protrusion reduce

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ulnar neuropathy by relieving tension on the person's ulnar nerve.

2. (Original) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating the person's second, third, fourth, and fifth fingers.

3. (Original) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating a portion of the person's palm that lies under the person's fourth finger and fifth finger.

4. (Original) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the generally tubular body includes a tapered recessed portion for accommodating the person's thumb.

5. (Currently Amended) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handgrip is comprised of generally maleable material ~~[[rubber]]~~.

6. (Original) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handgrip is comprised of plastic.

7. (Original) The throttle handgrip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handgrip is comprised of chrome.

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8. (Currently Amended) A handgrip comprising:

a generally tubular body having a horizontal midline;

a first tapered protrusion disposed on a forward side of the generally tubular body, on which a person's fingers can rest, the forward side generally bisected by the horizontal midline; and

a second tapered protrusion disposed on a rear side of the generally tubular body, on which the person's palm can rest, the rear side generally bisected by the horizontal midline;

wherein the first tapered protrusion has a longitudinal midline extending between first and second ends of the first tapered protrusion, the longitudinal midline rotated at an angle to the horizontal midline of the generally tubular body; [and]

wherein the second tapered protrusion has a longitudinal midline extending between first and second ends of the second tapered protrusion, the longitudinal midline rotated at an angle to the horizontal midline of the generally tubular body and disposed generally parallel to the longitudinal midline of the first tapered protrusion; and

wherein the first tapered protrusion and the second tapered protrusion reduce ulnar neuropathy by relieving tension on the person's ulnar nerve.

9. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating the person's second, third, fourth, and fifth fingers.

10. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating a portion of the person's palm that lies under the person's fourth and fifth fingers.

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11. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the generally tubular body includes a tapered recessed portion for accommodating the person's thumb.

12. (Currently Amended) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handgrip is comprised of a generally malleable material ~~[[rubber]]~~.

13. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handgrip is comprised of plastic.

14. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handgrip is comprised of chrome.

15. (Original) The handgrip as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handgrip is for use with a motorcycle.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling a throttle of a motorcycle, the method comprising the steps of:

opening the throttle by pulling upward on a first tapered protrusion of a handgrip;  
and

opening the throttle by pushing downward on a second tapered protrusion of the handgrip;

wherein the first tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating a person's second, third, fourth, and fifth fingers;

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wherein the second tapered protrusion is positioned for accommodating a portion of the person's palm that lies under the person's fourth and fifth fingers;

wherein the first tapered protrusion has a midline at an angle to a horizontal midline of the handgrip; and

wherein the first tapered protrusion and the second tapered protrusion reduce ulnar neuropathy.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of reducing ulnar neuropathy resulting from operating a motorcycle handgrip, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a motorcycle handgrip comprising:

a generally tubular body having a horizontal midline;

a first tapered protrusion disposed on a forward side of the generally tubular body, on which a person's second, third, fourth, and fifth fingers can rest; and

a second tapered protrusion disposed on a rear side of the generally tubular body, on which a portion of the person's palm can rest;

wherein the first tapered protrusion has a midline at an angle to the horizontal midline; and

wherein the first tapered protrusion and the second tapered protrusion reduce ulnar neuropathy by relieving tension on the person's ulnar nerve.